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THE BOARD OF CONTROL

Men Who Will Govern Florida's New Collegiate Institutes.

Late Wednesday evening Governor Broward announced his appointments for members of the Board of Control provided for by the Buckman college law, as follows:

T. B. KING, DeSoto county.
DR. A. L. BROWN, Lake county.
N. P. BRYAN, Duval county.
NATHANIEL ADAMS, Hamilton county.
PHILIP K. YONGE, Escambia county.

The Governor's task was one of great difficulty, and the impression prevails that he has performed it as well as was possible to human foresight. By the terms of the law, and by constitutional limitations, he was obliged to eliminate from the list of eligible citizens, of all counties in which any of the formerly established educational institutions affected by the law were located, as well as all members of the Legislature, and common sense and a due regard for the spirit of the law and the peculiar circumstances surrounding the matter, impelled him to likewise eschew the selection of any who had been known as having been actively engaged in the contentions of factional politics. This last consideration he has observed as closely, in all probability, as was possible.

Mr. King is a son of the late Ziba King, one of the most prominent citizens of South Florida, and is a banker, residing at Arcadia.

Dr. Brown is said to be a man of broad views and fine education, and is a resident of Eustis.

Mr. Bryan is a well-known and successful young lawyer, of Jacksonville, and is the only member who has been at all prominent in local politics. He is a son of the late J. M. Bryan, of Osceola county.

Mr. Adams is a planter and merchant of White Springs, and is a brother of State Senator Frank Adams.

Mr. Yonge is one of Pensacola's most prominent and public-spirited citizens, is president of the Southern States Lumber Company, and has recently been elected by a large majority on the White Democratic primary ticket as city councilman.

Gov. Broward promptly convened the board to assemble on the 26th inst. at Tallahassee to organize and begin the preliminary work of their difficult task.

New Fish Law Enforced.

Tom Rountree, a negro, caught a string of fish in Lake Miccosukie and carried them over into Gadsden county and there sold them, thereby breaking a new local fish law passed by the last Legislature, which forbids the sale or transportation of fish caught from Lake Miccosukie. He was arrested at Quincy last Sunday by Deputy Sheriff Poppo and brought to this city and placed in jail.

On Tuesday he was brought before Judge R. A. Whitfield and upon the advice of his lawyer, entered a plea of guilty. The judge fined him \$10 and costs, which amounted to about \$26 or \$27, making his fish cost him including a lawyer's fee, between \$40 and \$50. The law under which he was arrested is local to fish caught in Lake Miccosukie in Jefferson and Leon counties and went into effect on the 10th of June, only 10 days before the negro was arrested.

We have nothing to say as to the merits of the law, but think that it was a pretty hard case on the negro, the first malefactor, to be compelled to pay so much money for what was until ten days before his arrest a perfectly legitimate transaction. The judge was lenient, but could under the circumstances have been more so.

Judge Francis B. Carter, formerly of the Supreme Court, arrived in the city this week and returned Wednesday to Marianna with his family and household goods. The judge will make Marianna his future home, having recently been appointed judge of the First Judicial Circuit. The judge and his estimable family have made many friends in Tallahassee during the years they have been here, and they all regret their departure from this city.

Certain parties not a thousand miles away from The True Democrat office might read with profit to themselves the following extract from that most estimable of all Southern papers, the Savannah News. Says the News: "The gang in Philadelphia was about as strongly entrenched as similar gangs are in other cities, and it has been found out." And so it will be found out in other ring ruled cities and states. The grafter will flourish for awhile, but eventually they will be discovered and made to pay the penalty of their wrong doing.

Notice of Stockholder's Meeting.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE FLORIDA SOUTHERN RAILWAY, a corporation under the laws of Florida, will be held at the office of the Company in Tallahassee, Florida, on Tuesday, July 4th, 1905, at 1:30 o'clock, P. M. By order of the President.

J. O. HATCH, Secretary.
Tallahassee, Fla., June 20th, 1905.—17-2w.

Teachers' Examination.

Both Prof. Murphree, of the late Florida State College, and County School Superintendent Eppes spoke in the highest terms of the class of normals and applicants for teachers' certificates, who have been standing their examinations during the past two weeks in this city. Superintendent Eppes was particularly enthusiastic as to the applicants, being especially pleased with their honorable bearing during the examination.

The grading committee were, Arthur Williams, recently of the Florida State College; Miss Grace P. Cobb, of the Leon Academy, and Miss Florence A. Howell, of the Jackson Bluff school.

Fifteen applicants passed in the first grade and received their certificates as teachers, while twenty-three passed in the second grade, and four in the third grade. There were two colored applicants who passed in the second grade and eleven in the third grade.

The following teachers have been appointed for the coming term:

Prof. J. W. Wideman, principal Leon Academy; H. T. Woodberry, principal High School at Chaires; W. R. Clay, principal High School at Woodville, with Miss L. E. Maxwell, assistant; Lola Bradshaw, at Lawhorn school; Ellen Cromartie, at Meridian; J. S. Drummond, at Pine Grove; Roberta Geddie, at Strickland; Mabel Bradshaw, at Eastman; Florence Howell, at Jackson's Bluff, and Miss Fannie Atkinson, at Pin Hook school.

Wailes-Beard Claim.

It was, no doubt, a matter of extreme regret to a great many of the fair minded people of the State that the Legislature, recently in session, did not see fit to pass the measure allowing Colonel Wailes and the Beard estate to enter suit against the State of Florida for the collection of the money claimed by many to be due them for services rendered in adjusting the accounts and making it possible for our congressmen to collect the large debt against the United States government several years ago.

Of course the total amount of the Wailes-Beard claim is considerable—\$168,000—but the vast majority of those who have made a study of it and are acquainted with the work done in collecting the data which made the payment possible, do not hesitate to assert that there is justice in it and it should be the foundation upon which the settlement contended for should be made.

We have always contended that the State is indebted to these claimants, but we believe that it is indebted only for the amount of money that was actually turned into the State treasury the commission which would have amounted to \$77,000. The United States was indebted to the State of Florida for something over \$1,000,000; Florida was indebted to the United States for a smaller amount; we believe the claimants are, therefore, entitled to 15 per cent. of the difference existing between the two debts, and the contract having been recognized as valid until the money was actually paid the State, there is no honorable way of looking at the matter that is apparent to us, but that the amount should be paid and without further useless capering.

The Legislature of 1903 wished to compromise the matter and offered to pay the claimants \$25,000. They rightly refused to accept the compromise. If it was sufficiently just to admit of compromise, there was certainly considerable justice in it, and if there was justice in it, the debt should be paid on the basis of the money received. It was contended two years ago by some of the laymen that the contract made between Governor Drew and Colonel Wailes was not binding, and feeling that he could never receive justice from the succeeding Legislatures, Colonel Wailes asked permission to carry the case before the courts of Florida that they might pass upon the validity of the contract, and in which event the State Treasurer would be at liberty to pay in accordance with the decisions of the courts.

There could certainly have been no fairer way than this, and that the members of the Legislature refused to grant this privilege, causes the average person to believe that either obstinacy, unfairness, a lack of knowledge of the history of the claim or absolute fear of the consequences of spending large sums of the State's money for the settlement of just claims was the predominating feature. Between two individuals claims are occasionally regarded differently from those existing between a State and a man who does not live in the State.—Gadsden Co. Times, June 16.

Dr. J. A. Anders, one of Leon county's most industrious farmers, also a member of our Board of County Commissioners, was in the city several days this week visiting his daughter, Mrs. Mary Walker. He made us a very pleasant visit yesterday, which we appreciated as we always do a visit from any of our country friends. Remember, gentlemen, a cordial welcome always awaits you, and our exchange are at your services, if you wish to read the newspapers while with us.

Mrs. William Morris, of Jefferson county, is visiting her sister, Mrs. H. W. Demilly.

DOINGS AT THE STATE CAPITOL

Items of Interest from the Various State Departments.

Governor Broward and some of the Justices of the Supreme Court have been absent for a time, but all have now returned. Only routine business has been transacted during the week.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

Appointments: Supervisor of Registration, Franklin county, R. Collins, Apalachicola.

Pilot commissioners, Apalachicola: Joseph Buzzett, C. H. Lind, Joseph Daley, A. L. Wing, Apalachicola, H. Maige, Carrabelle.

Notaries public, at large: L. H. Rowe, Mandarin; W. D. Pass, Sydney; J. J. Newinkamp, Jr., Jacksonville; H. S. Hampton, Geo. A. Shelby, J. D. McFarlane, Tampa; James Royall, E. C. Post, Jacksonville; N. W. McDonald, Moseley Hall.

STATE DEPARTMENT.

Secretary Crawford has issued letters patent during the week as follows: Florida Printing and Improvement Co., Jacksonville; \$10,000. Incorporators: A. L. Lewis, C. E. Garvin, A. W. Price.

Record Investment Co., Jacksonville; \$10,000. Incorporators: P. L. Sutherland, D. H. McMillan, J. A. Holmon, Arthur F. Perry.

Florida Coca Cola Bottling Co., Jacksonville; \$10,000. Incorporators: John B. Miller, Frank A. Coleman, David W. Trumpeller, Wm. A. Hallows, Jr.

Consolidated Engineering Co., Jacksonville; \$30,000. Incorporators: Geo. L. Drew, Arthur F. Perry, C. D. Rinehart.

The Right Way.

On Wednesday the executive office looked like a sample room, a shoe drummer having his stock spread out for inspection of the Board of State Institutions as a preliminary to purchases for the State Insane Hospital.

This is as it should be, and is an indication that the work of the joint investigating committee was not performed in vain.

Mr. Albert Shine is now in the employ of the G. F. & A. Railway Co.

Mrs. R. B. Carpenter and Miss Estelle have gone to Gainesville, Ga., for a summer outing.

Miss Mitchell, of Bainbridge, who has been paying a visit to Miss Mamie Andrews, returned home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Lowry, after a delightful bridal tour in the West, returned Wednesday, and will stop for awhile with the bride's parents, Hon. and Mrs. W. A. Rawls.

Misses Bessie Saxon, Ulma Perkins, Luia Bird and Lucile Saxon, and Messrs. R. H. Mickler, J. E. Perkins, W. M. McIntosh, Jr., and Dr. Ausley formed a pleasant party on a moonlight picnic to Lake Hall Wednesday evening.

Mr. Henry C. Zachary, the father of A. D. and W. A. Zachary, well-known lumber manufacturers of this county, died Wednesday in this city, aged about 57 years. The remains were taken to his former home, Burlington, N. C., for interment.

Hon. W. R. Dorman, of this city, has been elected Vice-President of the Florida State Mid-winter Fair Association. Mr. Dorman is greatly interested in the success of the fair, and hopes to see Suwannee county well represented there with exhibits.—Suwannee Democrat.

Mr. Charles A. Choate has returned to Tallahassee, where he will make his future home. Many friends here regret the departure of Mr. Choate and his family. That Mr. John Choate will remain in Pensacola is a matter of much pleasure to his friends.—Pensacola News.

Mr. W. Mahone Lynch who has been visiting his old home and many Tallahassee friends, left Monday for Hot Springs, Arkansas, where he holds a good position. While here he had his mother's and brother's graves bricked up and the grounds put in good shape, and also had his name added to our daily growing subscription list.

Jeff L. Davis, of Perry, Florida, who had just sold his newspaper, "Topics," was in the city Friday and made us a pleasant visit. Jeff is a good, all-round newspaper man, and will be missed for the short time he will be out the newspaper business, for he does not stay out long. Before long he will be at it again. Once in, it's a hard matter to keep out.

Investigation is fast becoming the order of the day all over the United States. The terrible state of affairs recently discovered in Philadelphia and other places has put the people to thinking and demanding reforms, and nothing short of exposure and punishing of thieving public officials will satisfy. Nothing pure, and clean and honest is ever hurt by an investigation. Let the good work go on!

For clean Job Printing, see Collins.

Church Notices.

First Baptist Church, Clinton street, near Adams, Frank W. Cramer, pastor. Preaching service each Lord's Day at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Bible School at 10 a. m. Junior Baptist Union at 3 p. m. Senior B. Y. P. U. at 4:30 p. m. Prudential Committee first Monday night in each month at 8 o'clock. Prayer meeting each Wednesday night at 7:45. Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society, first Thursday in each month at 4 p. m. Morning subject for Lord's Day, June 25th, "Help from the Hills;" evening subject, "A Voice Behind Thee." A cordial invitation is extended to every person to come and worship with us.

Trinity M. E. Church, South, Rev. J. W. Bigham, pastor. Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. Sermon at 11 a. m. Senior Epworth League 4 p. m. Junior Epworth League 8 p. m. Evening Sermon at 7:30 p. m. Public cordially invited. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

St. John's Episcopal, Rev. Dr. W. H. Carter, Rector. Services: Sundays and Holy Days, Holy Communion 7 o'clock a. m. Sundays, 11 o'clock a. m. and 8 o'clock p. m. Fridays, 8 o'clock p. m. St. Michael's (colored). Services: Sundays, 4 o'clock p. m.; Fridays, 4:30 o'clock p. m.

PANACEA SPRINGS LETTER.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

A change has taken place in the management of the hotel, Mrs. J. L. Morgan, who is one of the best hotel women in the South has been secured by Mr. Trice and the entire management of the hotel turned over to her. She is making a good many changes and will doubtless make this summer's guests at Panacea Hotel more comfortable than they have ever been.

The change was most imperative on account of the serious condition of Mr. Trice's health. Some three weeks ago he became overheated while doing some work in a close room and other complications set in which soon reduced him to condition where he was unable to look after the business. I am glad to be able to state that he is improving now, though, and expects, with the freedom from hotel cares that he will now have, to be his normal self shortly.

Every cottage at Panacea was filled this week when a family arrived from Bradfordville to take Mr. Hall's cottage. Every one, I mean, save the one rented by the editor of The Democrat, whose family have not come yet.

Mr. A. L. Townsend and his friend, Mr. Subers, of Bainbridge, went to Ocklockonee bay fishing yesterday and returned early in the afternoon with about 40 pounds of fine fish. They were at the fishing grounds just one hour.

Mr. Chas. Mooring came around from Carrabelle last week and will be here during the season. He has a small gasoline and sail boat, just the thing for taking parties out. Can't keep him from going—if the wind is favorable he sails, if not, the engine does the work.

Of course Lake City wants the University of Florida; so does Gainesville, Live Oak, Jacksonville, St. Augustine, Ocala, and for that matter, any city or town in Florida might wish it, and feel proud of it, if it could get it; but gentlemen of the Board—when the Board is made complete—remember Tallahassee has to offer as many good reasons and as many advantages as any other city for the University. Our State College was, everything considered, the best in Florida. Now locate the University here, where we have elegant school buildings, splendid location, health, the seat of government, the home of the Board of Education, cabinet officers, the Governor, Christians, temperance people, and well, all the other good things the other town are telling you about. Just give Tallahassee the University, as a compromise. You cannot give it to all the places asking for it, so place it right on the pleasant old hills of Tallahassee, the natural home for it.

Deputy Sheriff J. M. Poppell returned from Quincy Wednesday night with Ike Anderson, colored, charge with stealing three gold buttons from W. P. Corbin at the Leon Hotel last Monday. He was tried before Judge Whitfield and acquitted for lack of testimony. States witnesses having gone away. Deputy Sheriff Poppell on Thursday morning arrested a murderer from Georgia, who he has in jail awaiting the arrival of officers from Colquitt, Ga.

When a Philadelphia grafter is put out of office, the State authorities immediately even things up by giving him a better job.—Times-Union, June 22.

Hon. Jno. L. Robinson, of Woodville, and Senator John Roese, of Sopchoppy, were among their Tallahassee friends again yesterday.

Gen. A. W. Gilchrist in voting against the Tampa Fair bill was only keeping in pace with his future politics. He it was who expected so much influence in DeSoto county to help defeat Manatee county's choice for senator. We are not surprised at all in the great general. Wouldn't he make a great governor.—Manatee Record.

ACTS VETOED BY THE GOVERNOR

Measures Passed By the Legislature Which Are Not Approved.

The following acts passed by the Legislature of 1905 have been vetoed by the Governor:

An act providing for a study of State forest conditions by the agricultural experiment station of the University of Florida, in co-operation with the United States Department of Agriculture.

The University of Florida having been abolished, the Governor considers that the law would be inoperative and would tend to confusion and to cumber the records.

An act to provide for the disposition by the several counties of the State of Florida of the funds arising from and apportioned to the said counties from the hire of State convicts.

The Governor says in his veto message: "I am opposed to the education of the youth of this State from the funds derived from the hire of State convicts. This fund, if used for other purposes than defraying the cost of the conviction and maintenance of the criminal costs of the State, should be devoted to the support of the charitable and corrective institutions of the State and to the building of good roads, and not to education or pensions. For these reasons I object to the act becoming a law, and deem it my duty to withhold my approval therefrom."

An act to regulate the holding of political primary elections in the State of Florida for nominating candidates for any office under the laws of this State, and for nominating delegates to political conventions, and prescribing a penalty for any violation thereof.

Concerning this act the Governor says: "The Constitution of the State of Florida, section 15, article 3, provides that the enacting clause of every law shall be as follows: 'Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida.' I therefore consider this bill defective, as the enacting clause is, 'Be it enacted by the State of Florida.'"

"As a further objection, there is no provision for the nomination by primary election of State officers, and section 1 of this act is otherwise defective."

"As a further objection, the provision of section 3 providing for aid to electors is too broad, and in the cities where there may be ignorant and corrupt voters it might cause great abuse; and for these reasons I object to the act under consideration becoming a law, and I deem it my duty to withhold my approval therefrom."

An act to amend section 26 of chapter 4322, relative to the assessment and collection of revenue, as already amended.

An act requiring State officers to make biennial detailed reports, and providing a penalty for failure to comply with said requirements.

The Governor says: "My reason for vetoing this act is that the information sought in detail can be ascertained at any time from the Comptroller's reports and the records of his office, and for the further reasons that the burden of preparing the reports required would require additional clerical assistance in their preparation, for which no appropriation is made."

An act to require the trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to pay into the State treasury all money now in their possession, or which may hereafter come into their possession, for the said Internal Improvement fund, to make the State treasurer responsible under his official bond for the safe keeping of the same, and to repeal chapter 5245, Laws of Florida, relating to the disposition of the said money, approved June 8, 1903.

In his message vetoing this act Governor Broward recites the provisions of the act of Congress known as the swamp and overflow land act, approved Sept. 28, 1850, and the act of the Florida Legislature "to provide for and encourage a liberal system of internal improvements," etc., known as the Internal Improvement law, and creating the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund. He then says:

"This law has been in force more than fifty years, and the Trustees are granted under this law the full power, possession, control, and are vested with the responsibility of the moneys that may be in the fund, from time to time, which is not subject to legislative will or direction. And believing, as I do, that the acquiescence in or the admission that the Legislature had the power to direct or control what disposition the Trustees should make of the moneys that may be in their hands, from time to time, for the proper discharge of their powers and duties in the management of the lands and moneys of the fund for the purposes and trusts which have not been discharged would establish a precedent that would lead to confusion in the determination of the powers and duties of the Trustees, I, therefore, file these my objections to the bill under consideration becoming a law, and deem it my duty to withhold my approval therefrom."